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C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 0453

E O 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, YO  
SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP

1. WEST GERMANS HERE HAVE FROM "VERY SENIOR YUGOSLAV  
SOURCE" (WHO WE UNDERSTAND WAS BAKARIC DURING HIS  
VISIT TO BONN THIS WEEK) FOLLOWING COMMENTS ON LEADERSHIP.  
DOLANC WILL BECOME VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PARTY AND THUS  
WILL BE PLACED TO SUCCEED TITO. DOLANC HAS BEEN PAYING  
SPECIAL ATTENTION TO HIS LINKS WITH THE ARMY AND THE ARMY'S  
ROLE WILL BE STRESSED. JURE BILIC WILL KEEP HIS  
PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES BUT ADD THOSE OF KURTOVIC AS  
WELL. GRICKOV WILL RETAIN HIS PRESENT POSITION.  
MIKULIC WILL BE BROUGHT FROM BOSNIA TO HEAD PARTY  
EXECUTIVE BODY BUT ONE REDUCED IN SIGNIFICANCE. THE  
PARTY PRESIDUM WILL BE ABOUT HALF ITS PRESENT SIZE  
AND THE PROVINCES WILL GET EQUAL REPRESENTATION WITH THE  
REPUBLICS. KARDELJ AND BAKARIC WILL REMAIN AS LEADING  
MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDUM.

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2. MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE OF FOREGOING IS OBVIOUSLY KEY ROLE  
FOR DOLANC AND HIGHEST LEVEL INDICATION WE HAVE HAD TO  
DATE OF HIS POST-TITO PROSPECTS (PARTICULARLY INTERESTING  
AS BAKARIC HAS NOT ALWAYS SPOKEN WELL OF DOLANC).  
ALSO SIGNIFICANT THAT ARMY'S ROLE IS BEING UNDERLINED IN  
POLITICAL CONTEXT. SOVIET AND HUNGARIAN EMBASSY

COUNSELORS NOTED TO US THIS WEEK THAT DOLANC AND LJUBICIC ARE BEING ESPECIALLY FAVORED BY TITO, THAT DOLANC'S POSITION HAS BECOME VERY STRONG OF LATE, ALTHOUGH SOVIET OPINED THAT LJUBICIC WAS EVEN CLOSER TO TITO (THIS VIEW MAY BE DUE AS MUCH TO SOVIET DISLIKE OF DOLANCE AS TO THEIR OBJECTIVE VIEW OF SITUATION). AS CONGEN ZAGREB POINTED OUT IN ITS ANALYSIS OF SOLVENIAN CADRE DECISIONS (THE ONLY MAJOR ONES TO BE PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THUS FAR), THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL STRESS ON CONTINUITY AS WELL AS WILLINGNESS TO OVERLOOK NECESSITY FOR ROTATION.

3. ALSO MAY BE OF SIGNIFICANCE KARDEL'S APPARENTLY NOT BEING NAMED TO VICE CHAIRMANSHIP. HE COULD OF COURSE STILL RECEIVE SPECIAL ROLE WITHIN THE STATE PREIDENCY. BUT WE HAVE HEARD FROM WELL CONNECTED MACEDONIAN AND FROM EASTERN EUROPEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT KARDEL'S CANCER IS AGIN ACTING UP AND THAT HE IS IN VERY SERIOUS CONDITON. HE WAS PRESENT JANUARY 19 ATMAJOR PARTY MEETING IN IGALO BUT PAPERS NOTE THAT HE IS STILL "RECUPERATING".

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION AMEMASSY BONN MAY PICK UP ON BAKARIC DISCUSSION OF INTERNAL YUGOSLAV POLITICS WITH BRANDT, SCHMIDT OR OTHERS.  
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